

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers of media consolidation. Massive corporations control the message sent to Americans, giving biased media reports that are taken as truth by viewers with limited access to contrasting/contradicting information.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the corporate dollar and less of what we need for our democracy. It's important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

I am concerned about their decision to alter an editorial program and try to call it a "news segment" so that it slips into a grey area of lousy reporting.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.